



The Indiana History Train: At a Glance

FACT SHEET

The Indiana History Train cars:

- Three Amtrak freight cars measure 65 feet in length and 8 feet wide, with a metal exterior and oak interior
- Originally built for Amtrak as high speed express cars, made to travel more than 100 mph.
- The registered numbers for the cars include: **1809** (Lincoln's birth year); **1816** (Lincoln family moved to Indiana); and **1865** (Lincoln's death year).

How Did the Cars Become the Indiana History Train?

- The cars were bought directly from Amtrak, where they had been stored in Iowa.
- The cars arrived covered in graffiti and to begin restoration—the cars were sandblasted, sanded and then primed.
- Modifications include installation of end doors, painting, electrification, track lighting and ceiling fans.
- The cars were painted bright red with an electrostatic paint that quickly adheres the paint to the train surface.
- The Indiana Rail Road Company burned the midnight oil to get the cars ready for exhibit installation, while still running its day-to-day operations.
- The Indiana History Train is sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society, The Indiana Rail Road Company, Dorel Juvenile Group and Cosco Home and Office Products, and the Lilly Endowment Inc.

What to Expect at Each Location:

- *Faces of the Civil War* exhibition
- Documentary about the effect of the pre-Civil War years on Indiana and its citizens
- Performances by Civil War-era re-enactor(s)
- Free education tent featuring hands-on activities as well as a market to purchase Civil War-related items

Where will the train be next?

- The Indiana History Train is a five year partnership on behalf of the Indiana Historical Society and The Indiana Rail Road Company. The train will alternate traveling north and south throughout Indiana.
- The History Train has welcomed more than 18,000 visitors from across Indiana since 2004 (nine stops).

Sponsors:

- The History Train is sponsored by Dorel Juvenile Group and Cosco Home and Office Products and is made possible in part by a gift from the Lilly Endowment Inc. and a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: "great ideas brought to life."
- The Indiana Rail Road Company is a 500-mile regional freight railroad, hauling some 170,000 carloads of freight – more than 15 million tons of goods annually. The railroad carries traffic between Chicago, Louisville, Indianapolis, and Newton, Ill., with connections to major western and southern carriers. Indiana Rail Road was founded in 1986 and maintains headquarters in Indianapolis. Principal products carried include coal, petroleum coke, grain, lumber, appliances, metals, sugar, corn sweeteners, petroleum products, plastics and chemicals. The company employs approximately 170 people in Indiana and Illinois and operates a fleet of nearly 50 locomotives. For more information visit www.inrd.com
- Since 1830, the **Indiana Historical Society** has been Indiana's Storyteller™, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting and disseminating Indiana history. The independent, nonprofit organization also publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; provides youth, adult and family programming; assists local historical groups throughout the state; and maintains one of the world's largest collections of material on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest. The Indiana Historical Society is one of the oldest historical societies in the United States, and one of the largest with more than 10,000 members. The Society opened its 165,000-square-foot headquarters, the Indiana History Center, in downtown Indianapolis in July 1999. (www.indianahistory.org)